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IT WILL COME.

GUTHRIE SEEM TO HAVE ANOTHER
RAILROAD IF IT WANTS IT

THE MONEY IS NOW READY.

Last Night's Board of Trade Meeting and
What It Promised the Directors of the
Kansas, Oklahoma Central and
Southwestern Railroad
—Bright Outlook.

The board of trade meeting last night, to hear the proposition of the directors of the proposed Kansas, Oklahoma Central and Southwestern railroad, was well attended. The meeting was addressed by Mayor Martin, president of the board. Mr. Porter, of Casey, Kansas, the attorney, John B. Clark, of Stillwater, Mr. Long, of Vernon, Texas, Secretary Foster and M. Bartlett, directors of the road, on the part of the management, and Joseph McNeal, J. A. Spang, U. O. Goss, Oscar Halsett, Col. Carbet, Winfield Smith and Frank H. Greer on the part of the citizens.

The hall was crowded with delegates from the different towns along the proposed line, and much enthusiasm was displayed for the road. The managers stated that \$1,000,000 was ready, to be furnished by the St. Louis capitalists whenever the right of way was secured, but that much depended on the citizens along the road. The organizers had now been at work for two years against all kinds of obstacles; they had spent time and money. The road was now in shape to be able to get the necessary money to build it, if the citizens along the line would be liberal with giving the right of way. When the first forty miles of road is built an English syndicate would buy the bonds and build the road through from Coffeyville, Kansas, to Vernon, Texas.

The speakers on the part of the city were all enthusiastic for the road. They showed the many advantages to the city in getting the road, besides that of giving an access to the cities and the trade that we do not now possess. Mr. McNeal showed that the road would strike four trunk lines near Coffeyville and bring them all into freight competition.

Upon this Mr. Oscar Halsett was asked what the possible reduction of freight would be from St. Louis, and he said about the same as the Kansas City rate, or as forty 49 to 55, now the rate.

Mr. Spang argued that if this city wanted to continue being the commercial and political center that it had better get up and work for them.

It was found that the road will make St. Louis 145 miles nearer than now, and 55 cheaper passenger rate; and 80 miles nearer to Kansas City.

The management asked no specific sum of money, but wanted to hear what proposition the citizens would make; and a committee of five, consisting of the president and the board of directors are to meet a committee of the city council to formulate a regular offer. It is expected that the right of way and depot facilities will be given and a liberal sum of money. Mr. Long, of Vernon, Texas, thought that if the citizens of Guthrie would give their liberality by his town they would make a handsome gift. His town only has 3,000 inhabitants, yet its citizens empowered him to say that they would give the right of way through the country and \$50,000 in cash.

The management states that if the right-of-way can be secured, building of the road will begin within sixty days.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER

MAHONING, Mo., March 30.—Jim Fuller, who lived south of here, recently drove his brother Dan from home. Last night Jim cut across Oling's restaurant, where Dan was working, and after some hot words raised a pitcher to strike Dan, who at once opened fire with a revolver. Two of the balls passed entirely through Jim's body, a third struck his head and a fourth his shoulder. Jim ran to the back of the restaurant, jumped out of the window and ran several blocks before falling. He now lies at the point of death. Dan has not been arrested.

AN INDIAN SUIT.

The Wichita Reservation Brought In
The Court of Claims.

WANT TO HEAR FROM SPAIN.

Secretary Graham Advocate Pending a
Sharp Note of Remonstrance About the
Alliance Incident—The President
More Conservative.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Representatives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations yesterday filed in the court of claims a suit to establish their equity in the Wichita Indian reservation, about to be purchased and opened to settlement. The agreement made with the Wichitans provides that each member of the tribe shall receive 160 acres and that the remainder shall be taken by the United States. White settlers are to pay \$1.25 an acre. The Choctaws and Chickasaws on the one hand and the Wichitans on the other set up conflicting claims to the land. The suit filed sets forth in elaborate detail the treaties and stipulations under which the Choctaws and Chickasaws gained title to this land and subsequently parted with it to the government on the stipulation that it be used by friendly Indians. The assertion is made that the government has failed to carry out the conditions, and that the land really belongs to the Choctaws and Chickasaws. The suit is, first, for all the money which may be realized from the sale of the surplus of white settlers and receive from the value of the lands allotted to the Wichitans and their affiliated bands. This is brought by James G. Standley for the Choctaws, and by H. J. McGowan for the Chickasaws.

WAITING FOR AN ANSWER FROM SPAIN.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—There was another long cabinet meeting yesterday and the foreign complications were discussed. Secretary Graham again showed his impatience that his demand remains unanswered. He is keenly disappointed that the Spanish government has so far ignored his demands for an apology; he advocates the sending of a sharp note of remonstrance that further delay in the matter will be resented. Other members of the cabinet are represented as advocating a more conservative line of action on account of the political changes in Spain, and also on the ground that sufficient time has not yet elapsed for a full investigation of the Alliance incident. The president is said to take the latter view in the case, on the theory that precipitated action at this critical juncture might have serious consequences to both Spain and the United States.

THE SHILAH COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The secretary of war has ordered the Shiloh commission, consisting of Col. Correll, Cadde, chairman, Gen. Don Carlos Buell and Col. R. F. Looney, of Tennessee, to meet at Pittsburgh Landing, Tenn., on April 2, when the commission will be organized and will remain on the battlefield until after the reunion of April 5, and 6, making a thorough inspection of the battlefield and noting the various locations as they will be marked by the representatives of the 255 different organizations that took part in the battle. The attendance will be at least 25,000 from all parts of the country, north and south.

PECULIAR.

Language Used by Natives who
Gather Camphor.

One of the strangest languages in the world, used for the queerest purposes, is the "camphor language" of Johore, a country of the Malay peninsula. It has lately been studied and reported upon by Mr. Lake, an English engineer in the service of the Sultan of Johore. This language is called the "Pantang Kapor," or camphor language and is used by the natives and all others who are engaged in gathering the product of the Malay camphor tree, and only at that time. If they use either of the languages of that region, that Malay or aboriginal Javanese, the natives believe that they could not obtain any camphor, and for a most curious reason.

The camphor tree, Dryobalanops camphora, grows abundantly in certain parts of the peninsula, but only occasionally contains camphor crystals. The camphor is not the same as that obtained from the camphor laurel of Formosa and Japan, which is the source of the ordinary camphor of commerce. It is a sort of highly prized by the Chinese in the embalming of their dead, in incense and in medicine, and the gum brings a price much higher than that of the common camphor.

The Malays and other Johore natives believe that each species of tree has a spirit, or divinity, that presides over its affairs, says the Youth's Companion. The spirit of the camphor tree is known by the name of Bisan—literally "a woman." Her resting place is near the tree, and when, at night, a peculiar noise is heard in the woods, resembling that of a cica, the Bisan is believed to be singing, and camphor will surely be found in the neighborhood.

But the spirit of the camphor tree seems to be jealous of the precious gum, it must be propitiated, and if she knows the hunters are in quest of it she will endeavor to turn their steps aside. For from Mr. Lake's account the supposition is probable that the natives think that she is acquainted with both the Malay and Javanese languages, and if the camphor hunter spoke either of those she would know that they had come for camphor and would defeat their purpose. But it is necessary to speak in a tongue which she does not understand. For this purpose the "camphor language" has been invented. It consists of a mixture of Malay and Javanese words, but these are curiously altered or reversed, and the natives possibly believe that the divinity of the camphor tree is completely confused when she hears this jargon. They speak it when they are on camphor expeditions.

The Jaknas who hunt the camphor are one of the wildest people, but inoffensive. They live together with monkeys, dogs, cats, innumerable fowls and perhaps a tame horribil, in perfect harmony, under movable leaf shelters built on piles in the woods. They have a formidable weapon in a sort of blowpipe, not unlike the pipe through which the American school-boy projects his water paper balls. The Johore blowpipe is made of a very long-jointed, straight variety of bamboo, which is generally curved and traced with many rude devices.

The projectiles used in these are thin splinters of wood about a foot long, having a plug of pitch at the butt end. The point is as sharp as a needle, and is covered with black resinous substance, which in many cases is extremely poisonous. Monkeys and other small animals struck with one of these darts die from the effect almost instantly. On man and the larger animals its effect is less rapid, but quite as deadly. The poison is popularly supposed to be obtained from the nipas tree.

A NOBLE OUTLAW CAUGHT.

TENNESSEE, Out., March 27.—Abe Rothchild, alias Henry Smythe, H. T. Jackson, R. S. Miller, J. C. Coleman, H. T. Hutton, etc., a notorious burglar and diamond swindler, was arrested at St. Marys yesterday morning by half a dozen Toronto detectives. Rothchild is wanted in Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, Nashville, Augusta, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago. In Georgia he is wanted for swindling jewelers out of \$100,000 worth of diamonds. The Southern and Wells-Fargo express people of Kansas City claim that he robbed them of packages valued at many thousands of dollars. The Pinkertons claim that he is the commercial traveler for whom they have been looking for fifteen years for the murder of Hattie Moore, in Marshall, Tex. A large sum of money was recovered.

PALATKA, Texas, 28.—The west-bound train which left here at 6:30 a. m. was wrecked at 8 o'clock this morning just north of Oakwood. The engine was derailed and Engineer Miller received slight injuries. Fireman Malore was hurt internally and brakeman Lyndon was instantly killed.

BEATEN BY GHOSTLY HANDS.

Miserable Existence of a Bridegroom
in a Haunted House.

In one of the broadest, cleanest, best paved, and most fashionable of Jersey City's avenues there stands a handsome four-story brick house which the eye catches at first glance as a desirable place of residence. To begin with, it is exceptionally broad and solid looking, says the Chicago Times, with a hundred little details of construction which says to the initiated eye it was built by some one who meant to live in it rather than sell it. There is a queer sort of tower in front, with a balcony running around the foot of it. Altogether the whole air of the place is what the real-estate men call a desirable residence for gentlemen.

That is what a Southern gentleman thought. He was in search of a house to buy and was taken with the looks of this one. After he had looked it over his wife went to see it, in company with a woman friend, long resident in the avenue. As the door opened to them the Southerner clenched her companion's arm.

"Let's go back," she said. "Something—a feeling I cannot explain—tells me I cannot live in this house."

Her companion insisted that they go through it. It was broad daylight, the house had a tenant, and no harm could possibly befall them. So through the house they went, finding much that was desirable, though the Southerner kept looking nervously over her shoulder. When the inspection had finished and the pair were again on the street, she said with a shudder,

"I would not live there if they gave me the house. Of all places I was ever in it is the one that feels most haunted. I expected all the time to feel a ghost clutch my hair."

The other woman laughed dryly. "It is a haunted house," she said. "The worst one in the city—though I was resolved not to tell you until after you had seen it. No tenant lives in it longer than three months—that is why it is offered at such a bargain. Lights flit through it at night, there are screams and ghostly footfalls, and floating hands that catch at you as you pass. The story of it is this: Old Mr. J. built it, after he had his fortune intended to live there the rest of his days. He furnished it magnificently—among other things he got a fine young wife. Six months after he was found dead in bed—and three months after that his widow married a handsome young fellow of whom gossip said that he was her old lover."

"Anyway, before the honeymoon ended as he left his bride alone in her fine house, and said openly it was because he could get no peace there; that he was beaten by ghostly hands, cursed by ghostly voices, tormented by ghostly lights, until he must either leave or go crazy. Though that was a dozen years ago, the noises continue; the ghost will not down. The wife has been dead for years; the house passed to the husband, which to my mind explains the persistence of the visitation."

Examples might be endlessly multiplied; there is not a nook or corner of the land that has not its own sufficiently authenticated apparition. The real marvel lies in finding out that the most advanced modern thought no longer reckons these apparitions such stuff as dreams are made of.

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FREAK OF AN EARTHQUAKE.

At the time of the last earthquake shock along the Pacific coast, January 2, 1895, a large pane of plate glass in the postal inspector's office in San Francisco was fractured in a most curious manner. The pane was 18 by 36 and more than half an inch thick. The fractures extended entirely across the pane, starting from each corner and leaving a perfect uninjured square in the center. The sides of each section are said to be as smooth and straight as though cut with a diamond and straightedge, and the proportions of mathematical exactness.

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